

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

CLAIMS

1. A media processing device with enhanced accessibility of media processed thereby, comprising:

a frame;

a media receiver moveably coupled to said frame;

5 an actuator coupled to said frame and said media receiver; and

an output selector coupled to activate said actuator to move said media receiver with respect to said frame upon activation thereof.

2. The invention of Claim 1 wherein said media receiver is a paper tray.

3. The invention of Claim 1 wherein said media receiver is coupled to move along a linear path.

4. The invention of Claim 3 wherein said linear path is vertically oriented with respect to said frame.

5. The invention of Claim 3 wherein said media receiver is moveably coupled to said frame by linear guides.

6. The invention of Claim 1 wherein said actuator is an electric motor.

7. The invention of Claim 6 wherein said motor is coupled to said media receiver through an arrangement of cables and pulleys.

8. The invention of Claim 1 wherein said output selector further comprises a first selector operable to activate said actuator to move said media receiver in a first direction and a second selector operable to activate said actuator to move said media receiver in a second direction.

9. The invention of Claim 8 wherein said first direction is up and said second direction is down.

10. The invention of Claim 1 wherein said output selector is operable to activate said actuator only so long as said output selector is held in an operating position.

11. The invention of Claim 1 wherein said output selector is disabled from activating said actuator while the media processing device is processing media.

12. The invention of Claim 1 further comprising:
a controller coupled to said output selector for receiving a command to activate said actuator, and coupled to said actuator for actuation thereof, and wherein
said media receiver is located in a first position while said media processor is
processing media, and wherein

said controller is operable to automatically return said media receiver to said first position prior to commencement of processing of media.

13. The invention of Claim 1 further comprising a second selector located on said frame at a different position from said selector.

14. The invention of Claim 1 further comprising:
a second media receiver moveably coupled to said frame; wherein said actuator is further coupled to said second media receiver; and wherein said output

selector further comprises a media receiver selector coupled to select which of said
5 media receivers said actuator is activated to move.

15. The invention of Claim 14 further comprising a media receiver indicator coupled to said media receiver selector for indicating which of said media receivers is presently selected.

16. The invention of Claim 15 wherein said media receiver indicator comprises a plurality of individual indicators located adjacent to their respective media receivers.

17. A method of enhancing accessibility to media in a media processing device having a media receiver that is moveably coupled to a media processing device through an actuator operable upon activation of a selector, comprising the steps of:
outputting media by the media processing device to the media receiver;
5 activating the selector to cause the actuator to move the media receiver; and
deactivating the selector when the media receiver is at a desired location.

18. The method in Claim 17 wherein said media receiver is a paper tray.

19. The method in Claim 17 wherein said media receiver is coupled to move along a linear path.

20. The method in Claim 19 wherein the linear path is vertically oriented with respect to the media processing device.

21. The method in Claim 17 wherein the actuator is an electric motor.

22. The method in Claim 17 wherein the output selector further includes a first selector operable to activate the actuator to move said media receiver in a first direction and a second selector operable to activate the actuator to move said media receiver in a second direction.

23. The method in Claim 22 wherein the first direction is up and the second direction is down.

24. The method in Claim 17 wherein the output selector is operable to activate the actuator only so long as the output selector is held in an operating position.

25. The method in Claim 17 wherein the media processing device includes a controller coupled to the output selector and the actuator, further comprising the steps of:

5 retrieving media from the media receiver after said deactivating step and
automatically returning the media receiver to a first position for receiving
media from the media processing device by the controller.

26. The method in Claim 17 wherein the actuator is disabled while the media processing device is processing media.

27. The method in Claim 17 wherein the processing device further includes a second media receiver and the selector includes a media receiver selector, further comprising the step of activating the media receiver selector to select the media receiver to be moved.